

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department – Diversion of 0.97 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.665 of Masanitippa RF of Amalapuram Range, Konaseema Division for temporary access road to the spoil storage area in favour of M/s. ONGC, Kakinada – Final approval - Accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 44

Dated: 18-10-2024

Read the following:-

- 1)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/26/2022/FCA- PCCF-FCA-3, dated 27.10.2023.
- 2)State Govt. Letter No.2545/Section-II/2023/2295894, E.F.S. & T.(Sec.II) Dept., dated 03.01.2024.
- 3)From GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-office of the Regional Office,Vijayawada, Online Proposal No.FP/AP/OTHERS/443226/2023, dated 16.02.2024.
- 4)From PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/26/2022-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated 07.07.2024.
- 5)State Govt. Letter No.2545/Section-II/2023/2295894, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.II) Dept., dated 08.08.2024.
- 6)From GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada, Online Proposal No.FP/AP/OTHERS/443226/2023, dated 28.08.2024.

ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for "diversion of 0.97 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.665 of Masanitippa RF of Amalapuram Range, Konaseema Division for temporary access road to the spoil storage area in favour of M/s. ONGC, Kakinada" and the same has been sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada for in-principle approval in the letter 2nd read above.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry GO MS/37/2024/EFS01-Environment, Forest, Science and Technology of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada have accorded in-principle approval under section-2 (1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for the proposal, subject to fulfillment of conditions stipulated therein.

3. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has furnished "in-principle approval compliance report" within the stipulated time for final approval and the same has been forwarded to GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada in the letter 5th read above.

4. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada have accorded final approval under section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for "diversion of 0.97 ha. of forest land in Compartment No. 665 of Masanitippa RF of Amalapuram Range, Konaseema Division for temporary access road to the spoil storage area in favour of M/s. ONGC, Kakinada", subject to conditions stipulated therein.

5. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, "for diversion of 0.97 ha. of forest land in Compartment No. 665 of Masanitippa RF of

Amalapuram Range, Konaseema Division for temporary access road to the spoil storage area in favour of M/s. ONGC, Kakinada", subject to the following conditions:-

1. General Conditions

Sl.No.	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
1.2	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
1.3	No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
1.4	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.97 ha.
1.5	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
1.6	The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
1.7	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
1.8	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
1.9	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
1.10	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
1.11	The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted in accordance with the relevant guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC.
1.12	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
1.13	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Regional Office by the end of March every year.
1.14	The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
1.15	Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and wildlife.
1.16	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines.

2. Standard conditions

Sl.No.	Conditions
2.1	"N/A"

3. Specific Conditions

Sl.No.	Conditions
3.1	Planting of 100 Mangrove species shall be taken up in Compt. No. 665 of Masanithippa R.F at the cost of User Agency.
3.2	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with GPS ID.
3.3	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER